

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 25, 26 and 28 to 48, as follows.

1. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system for transferring image information from an image transmission apparatus to an image reception apparatus provided with means for storing images, wherein

said image transmission apparatus is provided with means for requesting the transfer of images to transmit to said image reception apparatus an image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating the transfer amount of data on the image information to be transmitted prior to the transmission of the actual image data;

said image reception apparatus comprises determination means to determine whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on image storage means in accordance with the information of the transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal and the free information of said image storage means with respect to said image transfer request,

means for inputting transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user by displaying the result of determination by said determination means, and means for transmitting response to transmit to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user, and

said image transmission apparatus begins the transfer of image information in accordance with the transfer acceptance signal from said image reception apparatus.

2. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the

information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

3. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

4. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and said determination means calculates the sum of the data amount in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

5. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal displays the current free storage capacity of said image storage means, and the free storage capacity after reception.

6. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

7. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to designate the sheet number of images to be transferred within a range of free information of said image storage means and admit of the image transfer of the designated sheet number of images when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

8. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptant to select the images to be transferred within a range of free information of said image storage means and admit of the image transfer of the selected images when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

9. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for selectively deleting images stored on said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means.

10. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said image transmission apparatus is provided with means for requesting image transfer to transmit to said image reception apparatus the image transfer request signal

containing the information of reduced images in addition to the transfer amount of data of the image information to be transmitted prior to transmitting the actual image data.

11. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said image transmission apparatus and said image reception apparatus are digital cameras.

12. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method for transferring image information from an image transmission apparatus to an image reception apparatus provided with means for storing images, wherein

said image transmission apparatus comprises the step of requesting the transfer of images to transmit to said image reception apparatus an image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating the transfer amount of data on the image information to be transmitted prior to the transmission of the actual image data; and

said image reception apparatus comprises the step of determining whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on image storage means in accordance with the information of the transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal and the free information of said image storage means with respect to said image transfer request,

the step of inputting transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user by displaying the result of determination in said determination step, and the step of transmitting response to transmit to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user, and

said image transmission apparatus begins the transfer of image information in accordance with the transfer acceptance signal from said image reception apparatus.

13. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

14. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

15. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the sum of the data amount is calculated in said determination step in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

16. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein the current free storage capacity of said image storage means and the free storage capacity after reception are displayed in said step of inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal.

17. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said step of inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal further comprises the step of restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds

the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the acceptance restricted in said step of restricting acceptance.

18. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said image transmission apparatus and said image reception apparatus are digital cameras.

19. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus comprising:
means for receiving image transfer request to receive the image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating transfer data amount of the image information to be transferred;
image storage means;
determination means for determining whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on said image storage means in accordance with said information of transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal, and the free information of said image storage means;
means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user to accept or refuse the transfer by displaying the determination result of said determination means, and
means for transmitting response to transmit response to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user.

20. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number

of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

21. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

22. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and said determination means calculates the sum of the data amount in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

23. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal displays the current free storage capacity of said image storage means, and the free storage capacity after reception.

24. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

25. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus comprising:
transfer means for transferring ~~the information of~~ data amount information
indicating the ~~data~~ amount of target image data to an external apparatus, ~~apparatus~~ and the
information of a priority ~~priority~~ order of the target ~~said~~ image data;

reception means for receiving from the ~~said~~ external apparatus a response
signal indicating whether or not the ~~said~~ external apparatus will accept ~~admits of the~~
transmission of the target ~~said~~ image data in accordance with the data amount information,
the ~~said information of data amount~~, ~~said~~ information of priority order and a free ~~the free~~
storage capacity of storage means to store the target ~~said~~ image data in the ~~said~~ external
apparatus; and

control means for controlling ~~the~~ transmission of the target ~~said~~ image data
in accordance with the response signal received by said reception means indicating to
~~indicate~~ whether or not the external apparatus will accept transmission of the target ~~said~~
image data ~~is admitted~~.

26. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to
Claim 25, wherein the response signal indicating to ~~indicate~~ whether or not the external
apparatus will accept transmission of the target ~~said~~ image data ~~is admitted~~ is generated by
~~the~~ manual operation of the ~~said~~ external apparatus.

27. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25,
wherein said image transmission apparatus is a digital camera.

28. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to
Claim 25, wherein said transfer means and said reception means perform transfer and
transmission by wireless communication ~~use of cordless line~~.

29. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said transfer means performs transfer by adding ~~the~~ thumb nail images having a file name corresponding to the target ~~said~~ image data or ~~said image data~~ or the information of priority order of the target ~~said~~ image data.

30. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein an ~~the~~ image corresponding to the target ~~said~~ image data is an ~~the~~ image corresponding to a plurality of files, and the ~~said~~ response signal indicating ~~to indicate~~ whether or not the external apparatus will accept transfer of the target ~~said~~ image data is ~~admitted~~ permits the transfer of a part of the ~~of a~~ plural files, but does not permit any transfer of ~~the~~ files other than the part of the plural files indicated as file permitted for transfer.

31. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein the ~~said~~ file name indicates ~~the~~ positional information when the ~~said~~ image data is photographed.

32. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein an ~~the~~ image corresponding to the target ~~said~~ image data is an ~~the~~ image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said transfer means transfers ~~the~~ audio corresponding to the ~~said~~ image.

33. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 27, further comprising:

photographing means ~~for photographing to photograph~~ images, and said photographing means being is capable of photographing during the transmission of the said image data.

34. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising:

means for designating ~~the~~ suspension of ~~said~~ communication.

35. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein an ~~the~~ image corresponding to the target ~~said~~ image data is an ~~the~~ image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said reception means receives from the ~~said~~ external apparatus ~~the~~ information indicating the files to be received by the ~~said~~ external apparatus, and ~~the~~ information indicating the address of an other ~~the~~ external apparatus other than said external apparatus, and the files to be received by the other external apparatus other than said external apparatus.

36. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus comprising:
reception means for receiving from an external apparatus ~~to receive~~ a transfer including ~~the information of~~ data amount information indicating the indication to ~~the data~~ amount of target image data and ~~the~~ information of a priority ~~priority~~ order of the target ~~said~~ image data to be received from the data, from an external apparatus;

detection means for detecting ~~to detect~~ the free storage capacity of storage means for storing the target ~~to store~~ said image data;

output means for outputting an ~~to output the~~ indication on a screen indicating acceptance to receive the target ~~to indicate the reception of said image data in~~ accordance with the data amount information, the ~~said information of data amount, said~~ information of priority order and the ~~said~~ free storage capacity;

transmission means for transmitting ~~to transmit~~ to the external apparatus a signal indicating the signal to indicate whether or not the target ~~said image data~~ is accepted, ~~are required~~ in accordance with the reception indication of said output means ~~said image data~~; and

image reception means for transmitting ~~to transmit~~ to the ~~said~~ external apparatus the signal indicating ~~to indicate~~ whether or not the ~~said~~ external apparatus is permitted ~~admitted~~ to transmit the transmission of target ~~said image data~~, and for ~~receiving to receive~~ the target image data transmitted by the ~~said~~ external apparatus in response to the ~~said~~ signal transmitted by said image reception means.

37. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the signal indicating ~~to indicate~~ whether or not ~~the~~ transfer of the target ~~said image data~~ is accepted ~~admitted~~ is generated by the manual designation in accordance with the indication of said output means.

38. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said image reception ~~transmission~~ apparatus is a digital camera.

39. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said transmission means and said reception means perform transfer and transmission by wireless communication ~~use of cordless line~~.

40. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said reception means receives ~~the~~ thumb nail images having a file name corresponding to the target ~~said~~ image data or the target ~~said~~ image data.

41. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein an ~~the~~ image corresponding to the target ~~said~~ image data is an ~~the~~ image corresponding to a plurality of files, and the ~~said~~ signal indicating ~~to indicate~~ whether or not ~~the~~ transfer of the target ~~said~~ image data is accepted ~~admitted~~ permits the transfer of a part of the plural files, but does not permit ~~any~~ transfer of ~~the~~ files other than the part of the plural files indicated as ~~file~~ permitted for transfer.

42. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein a file name indicates ~~the~~ positional information when the ~~said~~ image data is photographed.

43. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein an ~~the~~ image corresponding to the target ~~said~~ image data is an ~~the~~ image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said reception means receives ~~the~~ audio corresponding to the ~~said~~ image.

44. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, further comprising:

photographing means for photographing ~~to photograph~~ images, and said photographing means being is capable of photographing during ~~the~~ reception of the target ~~said~~ image data.

45. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, further comprising:

means for designating ~~the~~ suspension of ~~said image~~ communication reception.

46. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein ~~an the~~ image corresponding to ~~the target~~ said image data is ~~an the~~ image corresponding to a plurality of files, and ~~the~~ information indicating the files to be received by said image reception means, and the address of ~~an other the~~ external apparatus to receive the files other than the files to be received by said image reception means are transmitted when transmission is made.

47. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the response signal includes information which designates a terminal station other than ~~said the~~ external apparatus as a transmission destination of the target image data to be transmitted.

48. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the signal which indicates whether or not ~~the said~~ external apparatus will accept ~~is admitted to the~~ transmission of the target image data ~~data~~, includes information which designates a terminal station ~~the~~ other than said image reception apparatus as a transmission destination of the target image data to be transmitted.